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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/28/06. Claims 1-15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-26, 28, 29, 31-32, and 34-40 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-8, and 10-13, 15, 17-18, 20, 22-23, 25-26, 28-29, 31-32, 35-38, 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claims 1, 9, 34 recite the limitation " ...the electrical device can display the particular graphic in a control panel display of the electrical device each time a given electrical device state is entered" in lines 8-10 that is not supported by the original disclosure. The Applicant, in response to this communication is required to amend or cancel the new matter issue in the claim.

Claims 14 and 19 recite the limitations "receiving... only for the purpose of repeated display during a given state of the electrical device... each time the electrical device state occurs" in lines 8-13 that is not supported by the original disclosure. The

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Applicant, in response to this communication is required to amend or cancel the new matter issue in the claim.

Claims 2-8, and 10-13, 22-23, 25-26, 35-38 and 40 contain the problem of claims 1 and 9 by dependence; they are similarly rejected.

Claims 15, 17-18, and 20, 28-29, 31-32, 39 contain the problem of claims 1 and 9 by dependence; they are similarly rejected.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-8, and 10-13, 22-23, 25-26, 35-38 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 9 and 34 recite the limitation "...each time a given electrical device state is entered" in lines 9-10 that renders the claim unclear and indefinite, hence raises uncertainty as to what exactly the applicant is trying to encompass by this limitation.

Claims 2-8, and 10-13, 22-23, 25-26, 35-38 and 40 contain the problem of claims 1, 9 and 34 by dependence; they are similarly rejected.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See

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MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajous Wesner whose telephone number is 571-272-7791. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays thru Fridays between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on 571-272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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